

Remarks

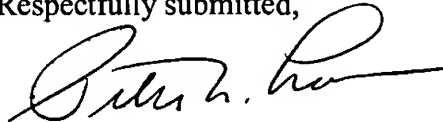
The specification has been amended as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, it is submitted that such amendments overcome the Examiner's objections to the specification. Claims 1 through 6 and 8 through 11 also have been amended as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, it is submitted that such amendments to the claims overcomes the Examiner's rejection of such claims on the grounds of indefiniteness.

It further is submitted that Applicant's claims are not anticipated by Evans et al as asserted by the Examiner. Applicant's claims provide for bushings of different lengths and diameters mountable on the connecting pins of a dipper stick and the tilt link arrangement of a machine to accommodate connectable implements provided with mounting brackets with different spacing and different pin receiving recesses. Evans et al neither discloses nor teaches any such bushings. It simply discloses a coupler permanently mounted on a dipper stick 14 and a set of tilt links 62, consisting of a pair of spaced plates 30, 30, a pin 60 received in aligned openings 38, 38 in spaced side plates 30, 30, a pin 64 received in aligned openings 40, 40 in the side plates and trunnions 60 and 68 mounted on the ends of pins 60 and 64, on the outboard sides of the spaced side plates, which are adapted to be received within recesses provided in the implement to be coupled to the machine. In no manner does such structure disclose or teach the use of bushings of different lengths and diameters for accommodating implements having different mounting bracket configurations.

In view of the foregoing, it respectfully is requested that the rejection of claims 1 through 11 be withdrawn, such claims be allowed and that the application be passed to issue.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees or credit any overpayment of fees in connection with this communication to Deposit Account 19-4375.

Respectfully submitted,



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